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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter dated 19 February 1993, document S/25318, from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the former Yugoslavia in which he alleges that:

> "A group of Mujahidin fanatics from Saudi Arabia led by a certain Abu Isa El Meki has committed especially brutal crimes and barbarities against the Serb population in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This group has about 43 members and was deployed to Bosnia directly from Mecca through Zagreb."

I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency that my Government categorically denies such allegations. There is no record, whatsoever, of any Saudi citizen named Abu Isa El Meki. It is flabbergasting that the representative of the former Yugoslavia should refer in his letter to the Commission of "especially brutal crimes and barbarities against the Serb population in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina", at a time when the whole world has become accustomed to the most gruesome crimes committed by Serbians, and encouraged by the Government of the former Yugoslavia, against little children, old men and women, including gang rapes of thousands of women. To drag the name of "Mecca" into these allegations is a blatant attempt to justify ethnic cleansing so that it may appear as though the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina is attempting to establish a so-called "Islamic Fundamentalist State" in Europe. The Government of Saudi Arabia is confident that Members of the United Nations can easily see through the attempts to muddle the genocidal behaviour of the Serbs and former Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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